

Optimization

Last time: gradient = direction of maximal increase in f .

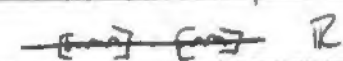
A critical pt (cp) of f is a point \vec{p} in the domain of f where either $\nabla f @ \vec{p} = 0$ or $\nabla f(\vec{p})$ does not exist

Prop (Fermat extremum thm): if f has a local extreme value @ p , then \vec{p} is a crit. pt. of f
to do local optimization we also need:

Prop (Extreme Value Theorem): if f is defined on a closed & bounded subset $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, then f attains its global extrema (on K)

What is "closed & bounded"? In \mathbb{R}^2 a

set is closed & bounded iff it is a union of finitely many closed and bounded intervals

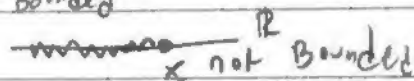


K is closed & Bounded



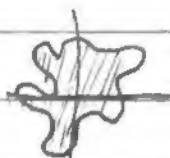
Boundary pt

not closed!



K not Bounded

In \mathbb{R}^2 :



All boundary pt belong to set
 K is closed & Bounded



K is not Bounded



No Boundary pts belong

Nothing goes to infinity

Note! A set is closed & Bounded

When it is bounded and its "Separating points from the rest of \mathbb{R}^n " are all in the set \rightarrow

This suggests a method for optimizing global values on a closed and bounded subset

Alg (compact set method): Let f be a function defined on a closed & Bounded subset K . To compute global extrema of f on K :

- ① Compute critical points of f within K
- ② Compute the max and min of f on those (CP)s
- ③ optimize along the boundary curve

The max/min values are global extreme values of f on K

Ex: find global extrema of $f(x,y) = xy^2$ on $K = \{(x,y) : 0 \leq x; 0 \leq y, x^2 + y^2 \leq 3\}$

Sol: First compute -

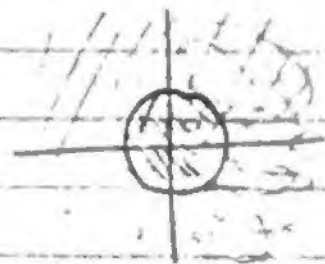
Critical points

$$\nabla f = \langle y^2, 2xy \rangle$$

$$\nabla f = \vec{0} \text{ iff } \langle y^2, 2xy \rangle = \vec{0}$$

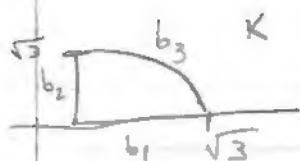
$$\text{iff } \begin{cases} y^2 = 0 \\ 2xy = 0 \end{cases} \text{ iff } \begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x=0 \text{ or } y=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So, iff } y = 0$$



Not in this example, boundary points contain the (CP)s that intersect K So Analyzing the Boundary will also Analyze the (CP)s (skipping step 2 & just compute step 3)

Now let's analyze the boundary



Parameterize the Boundary curves
like so:

$$b_1(t) = (t, 0) \text{ on } 0 \leq t \leq \sqrt{3}$$

$$b_2(t) = (0, t) \text{ on } 0 \leq t \leq \sqrt{3}$$

$$b_3(t) = (\sqrt{3} \cos t, \sqrt{3} \sin t) \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Next we optimize $f(b_i(t))$ for each Boundary piece

On $b_1(t)$: $f(b_1(t)) = f(t, 0) = t \cdot 0^2 = 0$ Both the Abs max
and abs min
in B_1 & B_2

On $b_2(t)$: $f(b_2(t)) = f(0, t) = 0 \cdot t^2 = 0$

On $b_3(t)$: $f(b_3(t)) = f(\sqrt{3} \cos t, \sqrt{3} \sin t)$
 $= \sqrt{3} \cos t \cdot \sqrt{3} \sin^2 t$
 $= 3\sqrt{3} \cos t \sin^2 t$

$$\hat{f} = g(t)$$

So $g'(t) = 3\sqrt{3} ((-\sin t) \sin^2 t + \cos t (2 \sin t \cos t)) =$
 $g'(t) = 3\sqrt{3} \sin t (2 \cos^2 t - \sin^2 t)$

$\therefore g'(t) = 0$ iff $\sin t = 0$ or $2 \cos^2 t - \sin^2 t = 0$

$$2 \cos^2 t = \sin^2 t$$

$\sin t$ & $\cos t$ cannot both be

0 for the same value of t

Divide by $\cos^2 t$

iff $\sin t = 0$ or $2 = \tan^2 t$

iff $\sin t = 0$ or $\tan t = \pm \sqrt{2}$

iff $t = K\pi$ or $t = \arctan(\sqrt{2})$ or $t = \arctan(-\sqrt{2})$

for some integer K

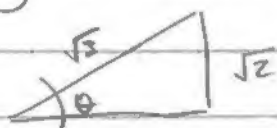
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iff $t = K\pi$ or $t = \arctan(\sqrt{2})$ or $t = \arctan(-\sqrt{2})$
 iff $t = 0$ or $t = \arctan(\sqrt{2})$ \uparrow
 $\arctan(-\sqrt{2}) \leq 0$ so Reject

\therefore testing $g(t)$ at the Boundary / Crit. pt. !

$$g(0) = 0, \quad g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$g(\arctan(\sqrt{2})) = 3\sqrt{3} \cos(\arctan(\sqrt{2})) \sin^2(\arctan(\sqrt{2})) > 0$$



$$\theta = \arctan(\sqrt{2})$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2$$

$$= 2 \rightarrow 2 > 0$$

\therefore Abs max on K is 2 and the
 abs min on K is 0 for f \square

Q? : How Do we make Analogs for the 1st & 2nd
 Derivative test in Calc 3?

First Derivative test! Let f be differentiable at $C_p \vec{p}$

① if $D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{p} + \epsilon \vec{u}) > 0$ for all sufficient small $\epsilon > 0$ and
 all unit vectors \vec{u} , then f has a local min @ \vec{p}

② if $D_{\vec{u}} f(\vec{p} + \epsilon \vec{u}) < 0$ for all sufficient small $\epsilon > 0$ and
 all unit vectors \vec{u} , then f has a local max @ \vec{p}

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← NB: this is too hard to apply in this class
for problems ... is there anything better?

Yes, but there are failing conditions

To get a second derivative test we need

$$D = \det \begin{vmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} \\ f_{yx} & f_{yy} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - f_{xy} \cdot f_{yx}$$
$$= f_{xx} \cdot f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$$

takes place of

the second derivative

Second derivative test: This only works as

stated for $f(x, y)$ (2 variables)

Let $f(x, y)$ be differentiable at $cp(\vec{p})$

① if $f_{xx}(\vec{p}) > 0$ and $D(\vec{p}) = f_{xx}(\vec{p}) \cdot f_{yy}(\vec{p}) - (f_{xy}(\vec{p}))^2 > 0$

then \vec{p} is a local min pt. of f

② if $f_{xx}(\vec{p}) < 0$ and $D(\vec{p}) = f_{xx}(\vec{p}) \cdot f_{yy}(\vec{p}) - (f_{xy}(\vec{p}))^2 > 0$

then \vec{p} is a local max pt. of f

③ if $D(\vec{p}) = f_{xx}(\vec{p}) \cdot f_{yy}(\vec{p}) - (f_{xy}(\vec{p}))^2 < 0$, then

\vec{p} is a Saddle point of f

(locally, f looks like a hyperbolic paraboloid at \vec{p})